

Funding recommendations for Project Grants

Panels will be asked to come to an agreement among panelists on a final funding recommendation that falls within the levels below. Please use the descriptions to help in your consideration. During the panel call, we will hold discussion to determine the overall recommendation from the panel. Please note that proposals meeting the minimum score for funding (50th percentile of total possible score) do not have to be funded. An application may receive a final score above the minimum requirement but not be recommended for funding.

****SDAC staff will try to fit all grants into the recommended funding levels but may need to adjust due to budget constraints. Adjustments will be based on the average percentage of points received from panel scoring.***

100% = This application is stellar and should receive the full amount of funding requested. It meets the standards for “excellence” among all scoring criteria and helps to achieve the major goals of the South Dakota Arts Council.

75% = This is a strong application and should receive funding on the high end of the request. It scores in the good to excellent range in all scoring criteria and incorporates aspects related to some of the South Dakota Arts Council’s major goals.

50% = This is a good application deserving of funding, but either the project or the application itself is lacking in areas that should limit funding to half of the total request. The application is strong in certain areas making it deserving of partial funding.

25% = This application meets the requirements to be determined “satisfactory,” and I believe the merits of the project and expected outcomes make it deserving of some funding to help encourage the applicant to continue this work and development.

0 = This application should not be funded either because the application does not meet the criteria or the project lacks the merit or artistic quality to determine it competitive in the applicant pool. It is not a good investment for the South Dakota Arts Council.